



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

**Committee Bill No. 5047**

LCO No. 4575

\*04575HB05047HSG\*

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Housing

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

**AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND  
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2       Social Services, in collaboration with the Commissioners of Economic  
3       and Community Development and Mental Health and Addiction  
4       Services and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, shall  
5       establish a program of rental assistance and support services for low-  
6       income, nonelderly disabled persons in existing public or private  
7       housing.

8       (b) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Social  
9       Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the  
10       Commissioners of Economic and Community Development and  
11       Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Connecticut Housing  
12       Finance Authority. The memorandum of understanding shall provide  
13       that (1) the Department of Social Services provides rental assistance  
14       certificates and supportive services to low income, nonelderly disabled  
15       persons; (2) the Department of Economic and Community  
16       Development and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority provide

17 grants, mortgage loans and tax credits to support the planning,  
18 acquisition, demolition, construction, reconstruction, alteration and  
19 repair of housing units suitable for low-income, nonelderly disabled  
20 persons; (3) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
21 provides targeted case management and other supportive services as  
22 may be required; and (4) the Department of Social Services shall give  
23 priority placement to those nonelderly disabled persons who were, on  
24 or before January 1, 2007, on the waiting list for elderly housing.

25 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, to the extent possible,  
26 seek federal reimbursement for the costs of such program for any  
27 services provided that are Medicaid eligible.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in  
29 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
30 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
31 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
32 the aggregate one million dollars.

33 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
34 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
35 Department of Economic and Community Development for the  
36 purpose of providing grants for security improvements to housing  
37 authorities, municipal developers and nonprofit corporations  
38 operating elderly housing projects pursuant to chapter 128 of the  
39 general statutes.

40 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
41 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
42 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
43 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
44 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the  
45 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
46 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
47 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
48 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided

49 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
50 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
51 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
52 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
53 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
54 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
55 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
56 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
57 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
58 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
59 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
60 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
61 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
62 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
63 due.

64 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two million five hundred  
65 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services,  
66 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for  
67 purposes of the program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

68 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one million dollars is  
69 appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community  
70 Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June  
71 30, 2008, for the purpose of providing grants-in-aid for resident service  
72 coordinators, pursuant to section 8-114d of the general statutes.

73 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two million dollars is  
74 appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community  
75 Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June  
76 30, 2008, for rental assistance for elderly persons, pursuant to section 8-  
77 119kk of the general statutes.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
--

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a program and provide funds for rental assistance and support services for low-income, nonelderly disabled persons in existing public or private housing.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

Co-Sponsors: REP. GREEN, 1st Dist.; REP. MILLER, 122nd Dist.

H.B. 5047